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CHAPTER 8

PUBLIC SAFETY

GOAL

To ensure the safety of neighborhood residents and their homes as well as children playing and people walking, bicycling, and jogging through the neighborhood.

BACKGROUND

The Miller-Southside neighborhood is known as a safe place to live. Children play in the yards, people stroll along the sidewalks, and resident's properties are crime-free.

CHALLENGES

- Huckleberry Trail crossings at Miller Street and Southgate Drive...
- Lighting...
- [\[see attached information on lighting\]](#)

OPPORTUNITIES

- Provision of street lights at intersections would provide a more consistent illumination.

GENERAL POLICIES

"Midtown South is a place where it's easy and safe for pedestrians and bicyclists to get around Town"—Comprehensive Plan

The neighborhood remains essentially crime-free and safe with the assistance of the Blacksburg Police Department through surveillance, and enforcement of applicable laws and ordinances.

ACTION STRATEGIES

Town Action Strategies

- Maintain level sidewalks through repair as needed due to tree root upheaval.
- Provide a sidewalk along the east side of Draper Road between Airport and Country Club that is adjacent to the trail extension that is proposed in Chapter 6.
- Provide a sidewalk along the north side of Miller Street adjacent to the library.
- Provide for safer crossings along Airport Road at Preston Avenue, Southgate Drive, and Country Club Drive.
- Provide for safer crossings along Main Street at Clay Street, Eakin Street, Eheart Street, Edgewood Lane.
- Provide for safer passage of bicyclists, walkers, and joggers along the south side of Southgate Drive under the Huckleberry Trail overpass.
- Provide for safer crossing at Miller Street at the Huckleberry Trail.

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Neighborhood Action Strategies

- Maintain ...